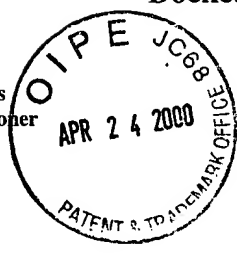


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In re Application of: Hillman et al.

Title: NOVEL HUMAN MITOCHONDRIAL MEMBRANE PROTEIN

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. 121**

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement and Request for Election mailed March 22, 2000 (paper number 5), setting a 30-day term for response. Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application, and restriction requirement therein, in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 4 and 11-16 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims:

17. (New) A purified polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

a) an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1,

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